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Emily Smathers  
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Dear Ms. Smathers:

The staff has had some discussion of where bottles can be mixed in a child care facility. Of course, we know that the kitchen is an approved area. One of our staff members has stated that she was told it is acceptable to allow this practice to be done in the infant/toddler food service area, because of the simplicity of preparation; however, 15A NCAC 18A .2810(c) only allows for the storage of infant bottles, warming of bottles, storage of fully prepared baby foods in their containers and the mixing of dry cereals with formula or with potable water from a source other than a lavatory used for handwashing. Could you please provide our office with a written interpretation of whether it is acceptable to mix bottles in the infant/toddler food service area?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. Ray Hudnell, Jr., RS  
Environmental Health Supervisor

**North Carolina Department of  
Environment And Natural Resources**

**Division of Environmental Health**

**Michael F. Easley, Governor  
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March 1, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ray Hudnell, EHS Supervisor  
Wilson County LHD

**FROM:** Emily C. Smathers, MPH, RS, Surveillance Coordinator  
Children's Environmental Health Branch

**THROUGH:** Ed Norman, MPH, Program Manager  
Children's Environmental Health Branch

**SUBJECT:** Preparing Formula in Infant/Toddler Food Service Areas.

While it is our preference that bottles be prepared in the kitchen, bottles can be prepared in the Infant/Toddler Food Service Areas under the following conditions.

Bottles can be prepared at a lavatory not used for handwashing; or with water that is brought from the kitchen in a pitcher that shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized in the kitchen after each use or at least daily. If the pitcher and water shall remain in the Infant/Toddler room during the day, they shall remain in the refrigerator until returned to the kitchen.